

North Dakota

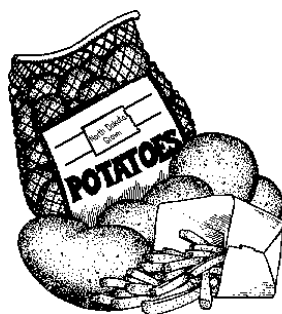
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POTATO STOCKS

North Dakota

Stocks of potatoes totaled 8.30 million hundredweight (cwt) on May 1, 2004, in North Dakota's growers, dealers and processors storage facilities. Stocks are up 51 percent from last year and 20 percent from the May 1, 2002 estimate. Current stocks represent 30 percent of the production, up from 23 percent last year and 26 percent two years ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest totaled 19.1 million cwt, up 7 percent from last year and 2 percent below two years ago. Disappearance during April totaled 2.90 million cwt, above last April's disappearance of 2.40 million cwt and below 3.50 million cwt two years ago. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

United States

The 15 major potato States held 84.8 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2004, up 2 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 21 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, 1 percent above last year. Disappearance of 319 million cwt of potatoes is down 2 percent from last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Processors in the 9 major States used 154 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 3 percent from a year ago but 4 percent above two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 34.6 million cwt of the total processing, down 4 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and May 1 Stocks

State	Crop of 2002		Crop of 2003	
	Production	Stocks May 1, 2003	Production	Stocks May 1, 2004
	-- 1,000 Cwt --		-- 1,000 Cwt --	
NORTH DAKOTA	23,460	5,500	27,440	8,300
California	4,316	1,000	3,444	1,200
Colorado	27,885	5,800	23,652	3,600
Idaho	133,385	34,500	123,180	33,500
Maine	16,960	3,900	17,030	4,100
Michigan	13,878	1,000	15,015	1,600
Minnesota	18,810	4,300	22,330	5,500
Montana	3,224	400	3,339	500
Nebraska	8,611	^{1/}	9,860	^{1/}
New York	5,500	^{1/}	6,510	450
Ohio	902	^{1/}	1,290	^{1/}
Oregon	24,936	5,000	20,991	5,500
Pennsylvania	2,128	^{1/}	3,915	100
Washington	92,340	16,500	93,150	15,000
Wisconsin	30,750	3,700	32,800	3,800
Other States		1,340		1,650
15 State Total	407,085	82,940	403,946	84,800

^{1/} Combined into Other States.

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COUNTY CROP RANK

RANK OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTIES ^{1/}

County	Crop Production - 2003								
	Spring Wheat	Durum Wheat	Barley	Oats	Oil Sunflower	Canola	Soybeans	Corn Grain	Dry Edible Beans
Adams	33	17	49	35	44	42		44	
Barnes	6		15	33	13	28	3	8	18
Benson	15	21	4	19	12	10	19	13	6
Billings	52	29	50	32	50			47	
Bottineau	13	9	1	9	4	3	30	37	
Bowman	49	12	37	34	45	40		48	
Burke	42	7	29	16	29	13		53	
Burleigh	28	23	41	7	19	20	35	26	27
Cass	2		19	38	31		1	2	14
Cavalier	1	13	5	41	27	1	20	43	17
Dickey	37		47	29	32		11	3	19
Divide	53	2	39	26	47	18		51	
Dunn	29	25	35	10		35		40	
Eddy	43	37	22	25	17	31	21	30	20
Emmons	20	41	23	5	6		29	15	
Foster	27	40	10	44	11	24	13	16	
Golden Valley	50	15	51	18	46			46	28
Grand Forks	4	46	24	46	7	33	7	11	2
Grant	36	31	46	23	39	32			
Griggs	31	39	16	45	16	26	14	17	15
Hettinger	16	5	40	50	37	16		39	
Kidder	48	34	43	2	26	34	32	19	
LaMoure	24	42	21	28	36		5	6	13
Logan	40	38	26	14	20		27	31	
McHenry	21	26	11	4	2	12	28	23	26
McIntosh	38	32	34	8	21	36	22	21	38
McKenzie	44	8	27	17		21		42	32
McLean	7	4	12	1	8	4	33	25	10
Mercer	46	17	36	15	33	25		38	
Morton	32	27	33	6	30	37	37	29	
Mountrail	39	3	18	11	25	8		52	34
Nelson	22	36	17	37	14	15	15	22	12
Oliver	45	34	38	21	34	38		45	24
Pembina	3	45	32	51	35	29	12	18	3
Pierce	23	24	13	21	9	11	24	24	23
Ramsey	26	20	3	43	22	9	17	12	8
Ransom	25		48	36	40		9	7	11
Renville	19	10	2	12	10	7	34	34	
Richland	11		44	42	42		2	1	22
Rolette	35	19	14	27	24	5	31	33	
Sargent	30		52	49	51		10	5	21
Sheridan	34	28	20	24	15	17	26	32	30
Sioux	51	42	53	40	43				
Slope	41	11	45	46	52	27		50	
Stark	18	14	42	13	41	30		49	
Steele	17		28		28		8	9	5
Stutsman	10	30	8	20	5	19	6	10	16
Towner	12	16	9	39	23	2	23	28	9
Traill	14		31		48		4	4	7
Walsh	5	33	30	48	18	22	16	20	1
Ward	8	6	6	3	1	6	25	27	31
Wells	9	22	7	30	3	14	18	14	4
Williams	47	1	25	31	49	23		41	25

^{1/} County rank may not be published to avoid disclosure of individual data.

2004 ACREAGE & LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

North Dakota farmers and ranchers will be part of a national sample of producers who will be contacted for the United States Department of Agriculture's annual June and July crop acreage and livestock surveys.

These major surveys will be conducted locally by the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics service during the first half of June and July. The information gathered will be used to make state, regional and national estimates of crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventories, number of farms, land in farms and other statistics.

Release Dates

Hog Numbers June 25 ~ 2:00 pm CDT
Crop Acreage June 30 ~ 7:30 am CDT
Grain Stocks June 30 ~ 7:30 am CDT
Cattle Numbers July 23 ~ 2:00 pm CDT

Results can be requested via mail or for quickest access, visit our web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/nd/>.



HAY STOCKS & WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION

North Dakota
North Dakota stocks of all hay stored on farms totaled 828,000 tons on May 1, 2004, down 12 percent from the previous year. From December 1, 2003 to May 1, 2004, disappearance of hay totaled 3.86 million tons, which was 15 percent more hay used than in the same period a year ago. Factors that may have increased hay disappearance were cold winter weather conditions, followed by slow pasture and range growth in the spring of 2004.



United States
Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2003. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.2 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, down 4 percent from last season. The portion of the winter wheat crop rated good to excellent on May 2, at 48 percent, was 7 percentage points lower than a year ago.

Stocks of all hay stored on farms May 1, 2004 totaled 25.9 million tons, up 17 percent from the previous year. This increase was mainly the result of a higher hay production in 2003. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2003 - May 1, 2004, totaled 84.9 million tons, 5 percent greater than the disappearance of 81.0 million tons for the same period a year earlier. Disappearance was up from the previous year despite the mild winter in the Corn Belt and Rocky Mountains.

Hay Stocks and Winter Wheat Production

Item	Unit	2002	2003	Indicated 2004 ^{1/}
WINTER WHEAT		UNITED STATES		
Harvested for Grain	1,000 Acres	29,742	36,541	35,082
Yield Per Acre	Bushels	38.2	46.7	44.2
Production	1,000 Bushels	1,137,001	1,707,069	1,550,395
HAY STOCKS		NORTH DAKOTA		
Quantity, December 1	1,000 Tons	4,300	4,690	---
Quantity, May 1	1,000 Tons	1,065	940	828
HAY STOCKS		UNITED STATES		
Quantity, December 1	1,000 Tons	102,978	110,752	---
Quantity, May 1	1,000 Tons	22,458	22,013	25,865

^{1/} Forecast

MILK PRODUCTION

United States

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.6 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from April 2003. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was down 1.7 percent from March 2003. The March revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 22 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,630 pounds for April, 3 pounds above April 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 81,000 head less than April 2003, but 2,000 head more than March 2004.

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 20 Major States ^{1/}, 2003-2004 ^{2/}

Month	Milk Cows ^{3/}		Milk Per Cow ^{4/}		Milk Production ^{4/}		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	Change from 2003
	---1,000 Head ---		--- Pounds ---		--- Million Pounds ---		-- Percent --
Jan	7,810	7,716	1,615	1,619	12,616	12,491	-1.0
Feb	7,811	7,716	1,489	1,528	11,628	11,787	1.4
Mar	7,810	7,717	1,666	1,658	13,014	12,798	-1.7
April	7,800	7,719	1,627	1,630	12,693	12,584	-0.9
May	7,787		1,671		13,013		
June	7,785		1,596		12,428		
July	7,780		1,597		12,421		
Aug	7,771		1,571		12,207		
Sep	7,764		1,511		11,731		
Oct	7,743		1,561		12,083		
Nov	7,721		1,517		11,709		
Dec	7,713		1,596		12,313		
Annual	7,775		19,017		147,856		

1/ AZ, CA, FL, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA and WI. 2/ 2004 revised. 3/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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